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TO THE BALIVE OF THE HUNDRED OF SALFORD THESE

Whereas, by virtue of his Majesties Comission under ye great Seal of England to mee directed, you did receive a speciall Warrant from mee given at Manchester under the Seale of my office upon the 26 day of July last, for ye Authorizinge of y^u^ to warne divers persons, residinge within the hundred of Salford in the County of Lancaster, to make their respective appearances before me at ye Sign of ye Kings head in Salford upon ye 9th day of ye month of September last, as well for the registringe their descents, and justifying their titles of Esquires and Gentlemen as their right to such Coats of Armes and Crests which they usually shew forth and bear.

And whereas, notwithstandinge such your notice, there are some amongst them, who have not, as yet, made their appearance accordingly, these are therefore by virtue of ye said Commission,

further to charge and command y^{u}, y^{t} y^{u} imediately [convey or communicate?] to every such person whose name is exprest in ye Schedule hereunto annexed, and to let them know, y^{t} I shall once more require and expect, y^{t} they make their appearance before mee at ye Sign of ye Kings head in Salford aforesaid, upon Saturday ye xith day of March next. And y^{t} in case they or any of them shall refuse to doe, I must be enforced to adjorne them to attend ye Lords Commissioners for the office of Earle Marshall of England, to answer ye disobediance and contempt of his said Majesties commission above exprest.

Given under ye Seale of my office at London this second day of February in ye seventeenth year of ye raigne of our most Gracious Soveraigne Lord Charles ye second by ye grace of God of England, Scotland ffrance and Ireland Kinge, Defender of ye faith &c.

By mee Norroy
King of Armes.

SALFORD HUNDRED.

Aspull	James Duckenfeild Esqr
	Mr Joseph Rigby
	Mr Richard Greene
	Mr Thomas Mollineux
Ashworth	Mr Richard Holt
Ardwick	Mr Samuell Birch
Barton	Mr Thomas Holcroft
	Mr Thomas Sorocold
Belfeild	Mr Alexander Butterworth
Birkle	Thomas Holt of Grislehurst Esqr
	Mr Richard Smethurst
.....	Mr Medowcroft

Birdhallhouses....	Mr Siddell
Boulton	Thomas Lever Esq
Broughton	Mr Willm Allen Mr Lever of Kersall Mr Kenion, Parson
Clifton	Mr Thomas Holland
Chadderton	Mr Edm. Asheton Esq Mr Rigley
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ffarneworth	Mr Richard Bradshawe
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Heywood.....	Robert Heywood Esq
Hundersfeild	Mr James Halliwell
Heap	Mr Roger Holt Mr Willm Langley
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Kersall	Mr Lever
Levenshulme.....	Mr Gilliam
Little Lever.....	Captaine Andrews
Darcy Lever....	Mr James Bradshaw Mr Lever
Great Lever.....	Sr Orlando Bridgman Kt & Bt
Manchester	Mr Beswyke Mr Ridge John Houlden Esq Mr ffrancis Worthington Mr. James Lancashire Mr Thomas Illingworth

Moston	ffranc. Chetham Esq,
	Mr Shacklock
Newcraft	Roger Rogers
Ormeston	Mr Richard Starkey
Ordsall	John Birch Esq,
Oldham	Mr Benjamin Wrigley
Pendleton	Robert Booth Esq,
	Mr Raph Bradshawe
	Mr James Holland
	Mr Thomas Tildesley of Hope hall
Prestwich	Mr James Willson
	Thomas Holland Esq,
	Mr Kenion
Radcliffe	Edward Radcliffe
Rumworth	Mr John Tildesley
Rochedale	Mr Edward Leigh
	Mr James Scofeild
	John Buckley
	Mr Josuah Buckley
	Mr. Thomas Buckley
Salford	Richard Pennington Esq,
	Mr Nicholas Hewet
Royton	Mr Thomas Percivall
*Roddmall	Capt John Allen
Smethells	Sr Rowland Belleirs K^{t}
Tonge	John Starkey of Wood in Boulton Parish
	Mr Jonathan Tonge
Worsley	Mr ffrancis Sherington of Booths
Tottington	Mr Booth of Booth
	Mr Thomas Nuttall

* Or Roddinall. The place here intended is Redvales near Bury.

NOTE.

Accompanying the foregoing Schedule is another paper, in the handwriting of Sir William Dugdale, containing a list of fifty-four names of parties who had obeyed his former summons. It is headed, "In Salford Hundred these appeared and entred their descents."

By comparison with the Calendar of Names in the preceding article it will be seen that many families obeyed the latter summons and also recorded their pedigrees.

In the Heralds' College are some interesting letters addressed to Sir William Dugdale by gentlemen in Lancashire on the subject of this Royal Commission. Some, whose ancestors had long borne arms, disclaimed their right altogether; others stated that they were not entitled to any such distinction, not being "Gentlemen;" and the friends of some courteously assigned reasons for the summons not having been obeyed, e.g. "Mr. Beswyke of Manchester is in Ireland" — "Mr. Alex^r Butterworth of Belfield is a young man on his travels, but will enter on his return home." The Nonconformist families generally appear to have disdained the noble science, "feeling assured," as Macaulay (in the *Edinburgh Review*) observes of the old Puritan, "that if his name was not found in the Registers of Heralds it was recorded in the Book of Life, and hence originated his contempt for all terrestrial distinctions, accomplishments, and dignities." It may however, be easily inferred from his rough *MS.* notes now in the College of Arms, that Dugdale's high notions, not only of the Royal Prerogative, but also of his own office, led him in numerous instances to offend

the prejudices of those whose views on both subjects were not exactly in accordance with his own. Of these, the following is a specimen: —

"July 23, 1666.

Hundesffeild. Mr. James Halliwell of Pyke-house, his Estate 200li per ann. 3 or 4 Sons brought upp at University & some at Inns of Court, yett disclaymed under his hand rather than be at the charge. He is ritch and misserable & a Puritan withall."

The End.

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